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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

There was a lot of anxiety and expectation of reopening of colleges this month, but the growing cases of COVID-19 delayed it further for students. Nevertheless, the journey of online learning and activities was going on in full swing. This month we celebrated various special assemblies. World Cancer Day, International Day of Women and Girls in Science and National Women's Day highlighting the role of women in the society today. Women have been able to march ahead in all fields in society. Opportunities today do not go knocking on closed doors, it has been a gateway to progress and development, hence we need to encourage girls and women by acknowledging their efforts. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) need to be fostered in schools. Teachers need to plan their curriculum transaction in adopting an interdisciplinary approach to teaching as it is the need of the hour.

Language opens the door to culture, broader understanding and community. Hence, we need to foster the importance of language in our life. The limit of any language only limits your understanding to the people and world around. It gives a vision to a different life. The knowledge of our language is the reflection of ourselves and the way we deal with others. We celebrated International Mother Language Day and Marathi Bhasha Din as a part of the Special assembly to celebrate the richness of our language. In the words of Nelson Mandela, if you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart is so true and meaningful. Today we have almost forgotten to cherish, preserve and transmit our Mother language. Teachers need to make use of activities, language games to sensitize our young generation to appreciate their mother language and foster the use of the same. Marathi Bhasha Din was celebrated with the poems of Marathi poet Kusumagraj, a journey of meaningful poems for life and enhancing language skills.

As teachers we carry the baton of transmitting effective communication skills to the students and society. It is the language that shapes the way we think and determines what we can think about, teachers need to be effective to implement it in their classroom and in their interactions. Best wishes to each of you.



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EDITORIAL.....

Traditionally, February is a very hectic month as the SY students begin their final leg of the B. Ed. journey and the FYs step into the new world of practice teaching. Academics take a back seat as the students of both the SY and the FY explore the 'real' world of the teaching profession.

February is the month for giving job interviews and demo lessons in schools. Thankfully, the Pandemic has not slowed this down and many schools have shifted to the online mode of conducting interviews and even demo lessons are being conducted online. Many of our students are getting placed and we are thankful that the PCER Placement Cell is going strong.

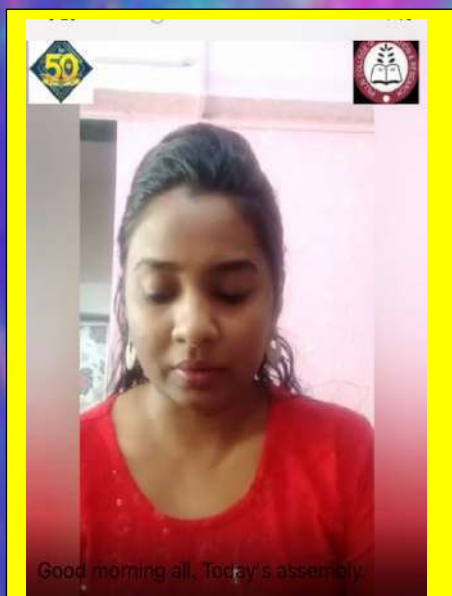
The B. Ed. admission process is soon going to come to an end and PCER is hopeful of soon starting the academic year with the new batch with a bang!

...FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS...

- **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**
- **EDITOR'S MESSAGE**
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....ASSEMBLY SNIPPETS....

The virtual assembly for the month of February 2021 focused on the Role of Science in our Life. Science and technology have brought about radical changes in the way we live our lives. It has revolutionised communication, transportation, health care and medical fields to name a few. The advancements in the field of science has an impact on almost every aspect of human living which has both advantages and disadvantages. Knowledge and awareness can lead to a better understanding of how to increase the positive and minimize the negative impact of science and technology. It is essential to inculcate in students values such as scientific temper, rational and logical thinking, analytical thinking skills etc. These aspects were conveyed through the various assembly activities that included prayers, messages, videos etc.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



WORLD CANCER DAY

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

PCER Chembur conducted an online special assembly on 11th February at 11.00 am to observe World Cancer Day, International Day of Women & Girls in Science and National Women's Day. The programme was organized by the members of the Student Council and the Women Development Cell of the institution.

World Cancer Day is observed on 4th February every year to create awareness about cancer and enable everyone to work together to spread knowledge of and reduce the risk factors for cancer in our society. This year's theme is 'I can, We can' which highlights the fact that everybody has the ability to address this issue and prevent this disease from harming our lives.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on 11th February every year to promote access and participation of women and girls in science. This helps in enhancing the diversity of talent and abilities that are engaged in these fields to meet the varied challenges of our world.

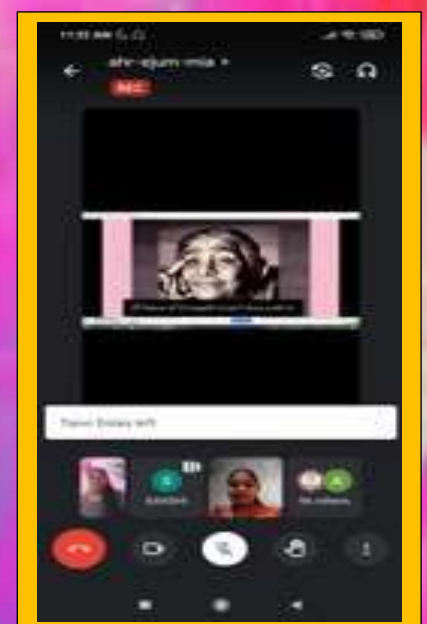
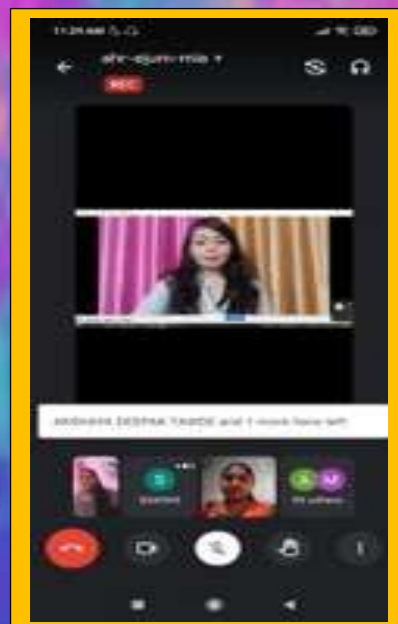
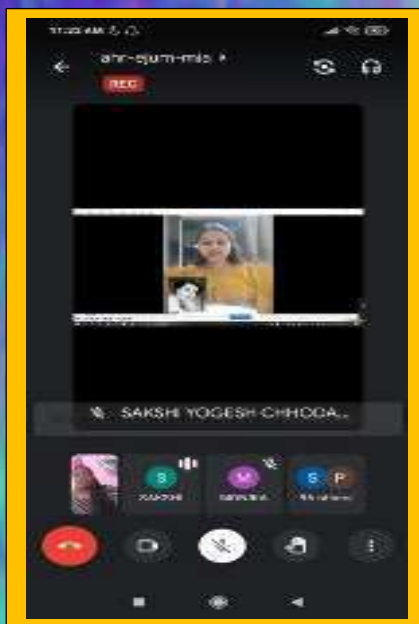
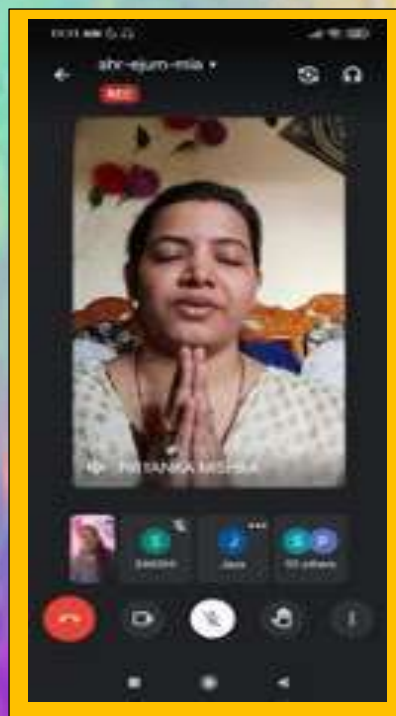
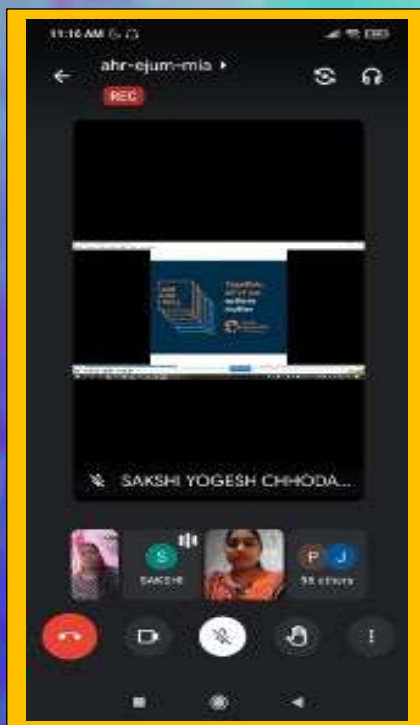
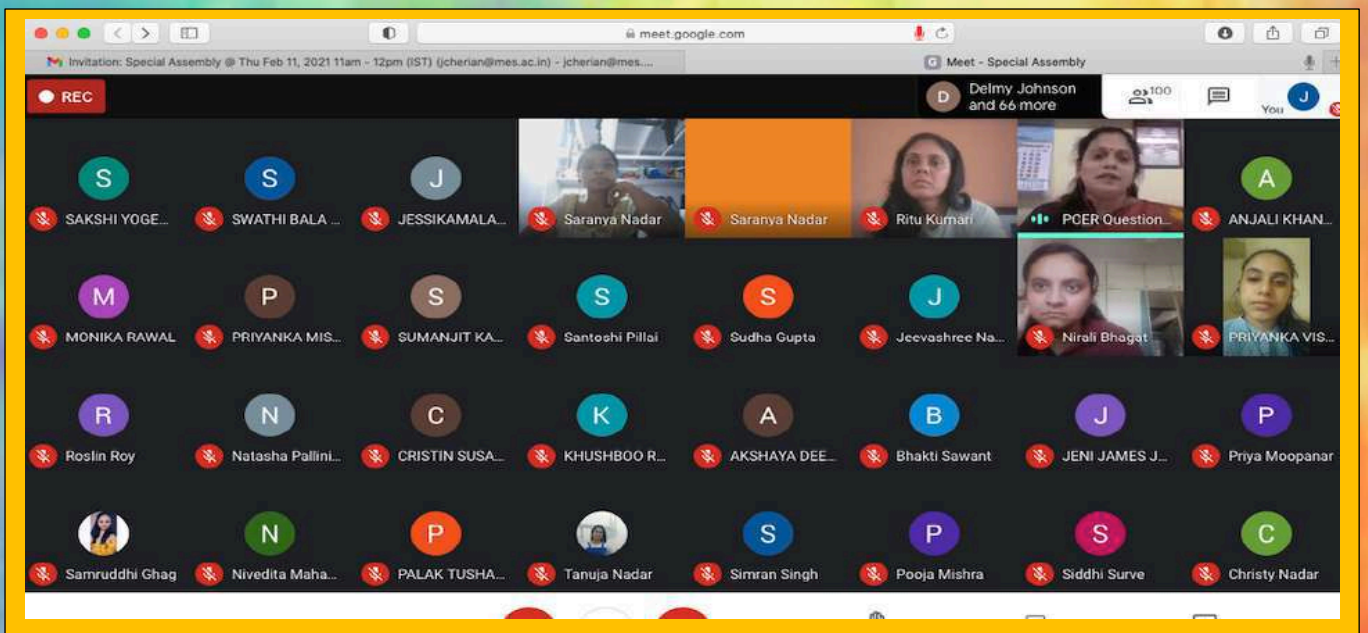
National Women's Day is celebrated in India on 13th February to honour the contributions of Sarojini Naidu, freedom fighter and poet, who was also known as the 'Nightingale of India'. This day celebrates the achievements of women in all spheres of our society.

The programme was smoothly hosted by Ms. Swatibala Pandi and Ms. Jessikamalam who extended a warm welcome to the audience. The programme commenced with a prayer by Ms. Pooja Mishra. The wide variety of activities consisted of- a speech by Ms. Poonam Shah wherein she threw light on the various aspects related to World Cancer Day. Ms. Monika, Ms. Palak and Ms. Komal enlightened everyone with respect to the significant contributions of women scientists and a video presentation dedicated to women by Ms. Jayashree, honoured their achievements,

Ms. Jinisha's speech highlighted the great contributions of Ms. Sarojini Naidu, Ms. Priyanka composed and recited a poem which paid homage to Ms. Sarojini Naidu.

Principal Dr. Reni Francis addressed the students on the occasion and by expanding the mnemonic WOMEN, highlighted the significant roles that women play in society, their contributions that oftentimes go unnoticed but that definitely enriches lives and enriches the world. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Sakshi who expressed gratitude to all whose efforts led to the success of the programme.

The google meet link for the programme: meet.google.com/ahr-ejum-mia



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

MARATHI BHASHA DIWAS



PCER Chembur celebrated International Mother Language Day and Marathi Bhasha Diwas on 25th February 2021 at 11.00 am through a virtual special assembly programme. The programme was organized by the Student Council and the Language Club.

International Mother Language Day is celebrated on 21st February to promote and preserve diverse cultures and languages. The theme for this year is 'Fostering Multilingualism for Inclusion in Education and Society'.

Marathi Bhasha Diwas is celebrated on 27th February, the birth anniversary of the eminent Marathi poet Vishnu Waman Shirwadkar also known as Kavi Kusumagraj. This day honours the rich literature and culture associated with the Marathi language.

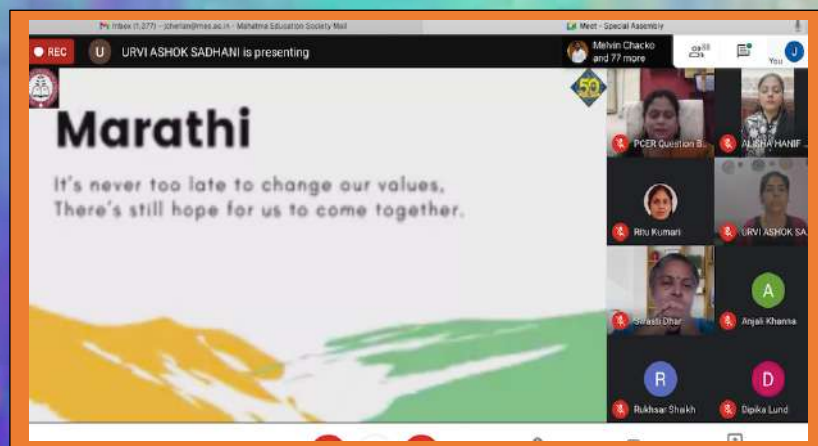
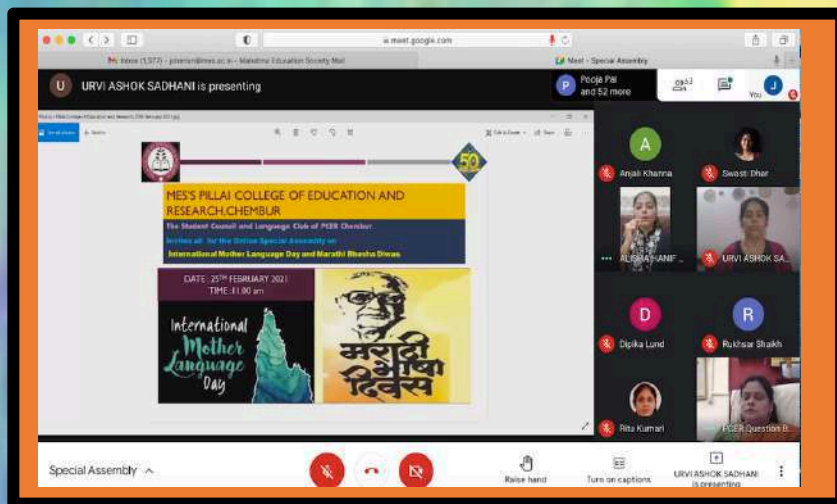
The students of PCER presented a meaningful and well conducted programme which was smoothly anchored by Ms. Alisha. The programme began on an auspicious note with a prayer song in Marathi presented by Ms. Sharaniya. Ms. Sweety through a concise speech provided clarity on the historical background and the significance of International Mother Language Day. This was followed by short expositions by Ms. Sudha, Ms. Sapna and Ms. Shivangi on Tamil, Oriya and Hindi respectively that reflected the rich linguistic diversity of India.

Ms. Sheetal presented a video on Sanskrit language which provided important insights into this ancient language that is an integral part of India's cultural heritage. A melodious multi linguistic song played by Ms. Jeni conveyed the message of unity in diversity through the power of music.



Ms. Shivani vividly explained the significance of Marathi Bhasha Diwas and the great literary contribution of the renowned Marathi poet Kusumagraj. Ms. Venita paid homage to the illustrious Kavi Kusumagraj through a clear and lucid recitation of his poem 'Shaharathil Paach Puthale'.

Principal Dr. Reni Francis in addressing the students spoke about the cultural heritage of our country, the diversity of languages and the importance of the mother language. Ma'm reflected on the words by Nelson Mandela - "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart." and observed that communicating in one language is not to replace another but it serves to augment our knowledge. Ms. Urvi presented the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to all those who supported and contributed towards the success of the programme.

The google meet link for the programme: meet.google.com/mjb-csw-n-qy



.....ADD ON COURSE ON PEACE EDUCATION.....



Youth Peace Foundation
in association with
Pillai College of Education & Research
University of Mumbai, Thane Sub-Campus
Pandita Ramabai Girls Hostel
invites all the students to attend
The Prem Rawat Foundation's
PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Dates: February 1st to 11th, 2021
Timings: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 824 2839 1421
Password: 123456

The Peace Education Programme helps participants
explore their inner resources and personal peace,
which help in bring positivity in life.

"For Questions, Turn to the World, For Answers, Turn Within"
~Prem Rawat

**please join 5 minutes prior to the session
www.youthpeacefoundation.org

PCER Chembur in collaboration with Youth Peace Foundation and University of Mumbai, Thane Sub-Campus, Pandita Ramabai Girls Hostel organised an online add on course- The Prem Rawat Foundation's Peace Education Programme. The course was conducted by the team members of Youth Peace Foundation in India.

The Peace Education Programme enables the participants to bring positivity in their lives through understanding their inner selves towards achieving peace. The course was held from 1st to 11th February, 2021 and consisted of 10 sessions conducted via Zoom meetings from 6.00 pm -7.00pm. Certificates were provided on completion of the course. This course was in alignment with SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.
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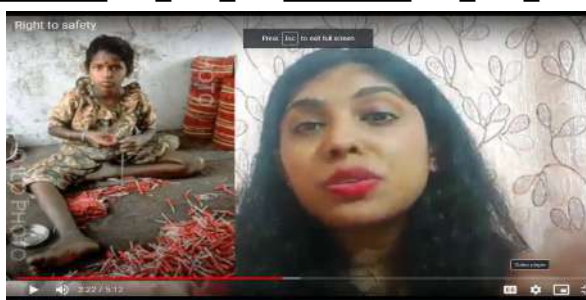
PRACTICE TEACHING...

Student teachers carried out the various activities that are part of their Semester 4 practice teaching . The four weeks of internship commenced from the third week of January. They gave five lessons in their second pedagogy and five co- teaching lessons with peers. Students also prepared various digital learning resources in their pedagogy and conducted an action research as part of their activities. Student teachers maintained a systematic record of their internship activities in their reflective journals.

Few links for digital resources:

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ALUMNI CORNER.....



Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur



invites you to become a

Student Mentor

Open to ALL S.Y. students of PCER Chembur to extend their expertise and experience to mentor the FYs in subject matter or essential skills that will help them to polish their teacher-training experience.

Earn a Certificate and add it to your CV

Teacher Assistant

Open to the Alumni of PCER Chembur to extend their expertise and experience to mentor the SYs and FYs in subject matter or essential skills that will help them to polish their teacher-training experience.

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Our alumni has always been our strength and over the years, many of our alumni have returned to the college in order to interact with the current batch and update them with the industry situations and practices. These have been crystallised through the Alumni Return programme and the Learning Q-est series.

But the Pandemic and the activities of the academic year 2020-21, made PCER Chembur realise that there is immense scope for our students to act as mentors.

From this month onwards, PCER Chembur is happy to initiate its Certificate programme for all our alumni as well as the Second Year (S.Y.) students to take up the mantle of mentorship. The mentorship can be extended either in the academic courses by taking up a particular unit/ sub-unit or it can also be in co-curricular, whereby essential skills needed by a teacher can be imparted.

....STUDENT CORNER....

A Poetic Tribute to Sarojini Naidu

Women of strength aren't born with it
They earn their shield piece by piece

Poet by heart and a leader by mind
You made it clear that a women can thrive

Truly called the nightingale of India
You were one of the bricks that formed our India

You led the torch of freedom with courtesy
Made your voice heard even at the land of liberty

You and your companions were the weavers of hope
Which gave all women a purpose and scope

Your simple yet authoritative words like a sword
Takes us back to the land where dreams were sown

I wish a tiny perseverance of yours
Dwells in each and every woman of ours

To stand for what's right to lead for what's true
To be a torchbearer just like you

Glory such high can't be compressed in words
Values you taught are still learnt by us

You make us believe that we can too
Be a woman of strength just like you

Women of strength aren't born with it
They earn their shield piece by piece.

**-Ms. Priyanka Mohite
S.Y.B.Ed (Batch 2019-21)**